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Introduction

Shortcomings of this survey. Nothing on depression or death

MinisterA is not the same minister throughout, simply the first one to made a comment

Caution against drawing conclusions

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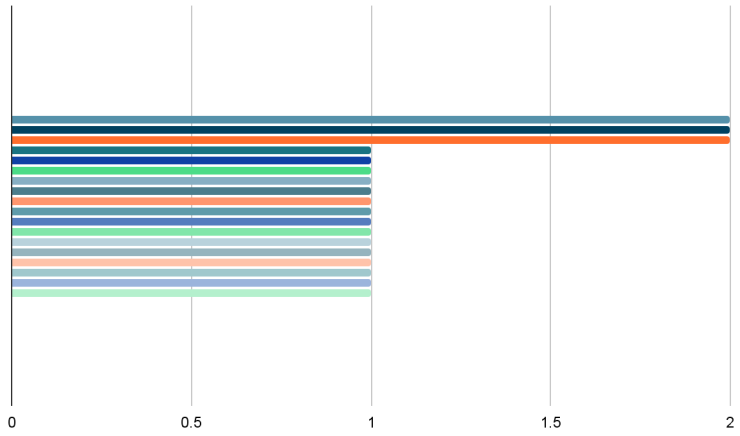
Top book (besides the Bible) that:

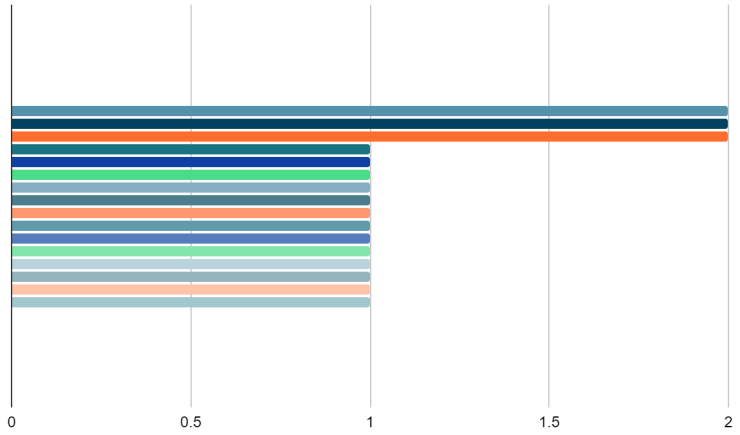
Every Pastor has to Read



2	Calvin, John, *The Institutes Of The Christian Religion*[1]
2	Eswine, Zack, *The Imperfect Pastor: Discovering Joy in Our Limitations through a Daily Apprenticeship with Jesus*
2	Ortlund, Dane, *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*
1	Augustine, *Confessions*
1	Bavinck, Herman, *Reformed Dogmatics*
1	Baxter, Richard, *The Reformed Pastor*
1	Beeke & Smalley, *Reformed Systematic Theology*
1	Clowney, Edmund P., *Called to the Ministry*
1	Daily Newspaper (online or in print)
1	Ferguson, Sinclair B., *The Whole Christ: Legalism, Antinomianism, and Gospel Assurance—Why the Marrow Controversy Still Matters*
1	Goggin & Strobel, *The Way of the Dragon or the Way of the Lamb: Searching for Jesus' Path of Power in a Church that Has Abandoned It*
1	Mangalwadi, Vishal, *The Book that Made Your World: How the Bible Created the Soul of Western Civilization*
1	Metaxas, Eric, *Letter to the American Church*
1	Packer, J. I., *Knowing God*
1	Pratt, Richard L., *He Gave Us Stories: The Bible Student's Guide to Interpreting Old Testament Narratives*
1	Ratzinger, Joseph, *Jesus of Nazareth (4 Volumes)*
1	Van Til, Cornelius, *The Defense of the Faith*
1	Wright, Christopher J. H., *Old Testament Ethics for the People of God*[2]

[1] MinisterA - "*I have not read it from start to finish. But when I find a nice book or even a nice idea, I often go to the relevant section of Calvin's Institutes and I discover that he has already dealt with the issues, and has interesting things to say about them.*"
[2] MinisterA - "*Beautifully teaches you the Biblical ethic based on the character of God.*"

Every Christian has to Read

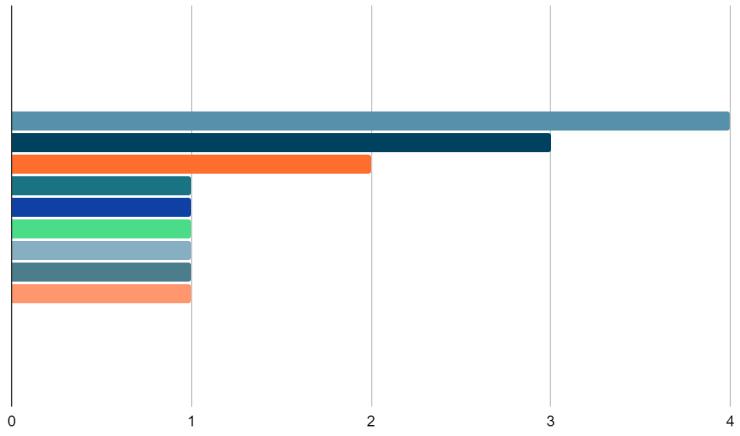


2	Bunyan, John, *The Pilgrim's Progress*
2	Ortlund, Dane, *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*
2	Stott, John, *Life in Christ*[3]
1	Augustine, *Confessions*
1	Calvin, John, *The Institutes Of The Christian Religion*
1	Dathenus, Petrus, *The Pearl of Christian Comfort*
1	DeYoung, Kevin, *Just Do Something: A Liberating Approach to Finding God's Will*
1	Martyr, Justin, *First and Second Apologies*
1	Ferguson, Sinclair B., *The Whole Christ: Legalism, Antinomianism, and Gospel Assurance—Why the Marrow Controversy Still Matters*
1	Mangalwadi, Vishal, *The Book that Made Your World: How the Bible Created the Soul of Western Civilization*
1	Packer, J. I., *Knowing God*
1	Sproul, R. C., *The Holiness of God*
1	Stott, John, *The Birds Our Teachers: Biblical Lessons from a Lifelong Bird Watcher*
1	Trueman, Carl R., *Strange New World: How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution*
1	Van Bruggen, Jakob, *Het Kompas van het Christendom*
1	Wright, Christopher J. H., *Becoming Like Jesus: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit*

[3] MinisterA - "*Best exposition of the life we have in Christ*."

Preaching: What is your go-to resource for

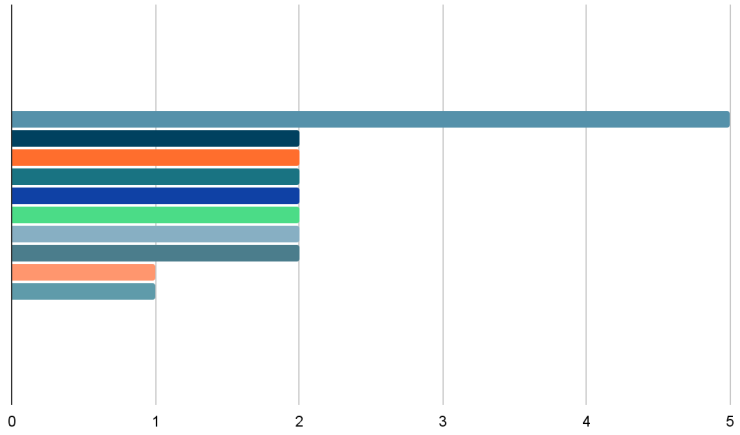
Working with the Original Text[4] (divide into OT and NT?)



4	*Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*
3	*The Greek New Testament* (UBS / NA)
2	Gesenius & Kautzsch, *Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar*
1	*Baylor Handbook on the Greek New Testament* (BHGNT series)
1	Brown, Smith, Goodrich, & Lukaszewski, *A Reader's Hebrew and Greek Bible: Second Edition*
1	Dana & Mantey, *A Manual Grammar of the Greek New Testament*
1	Davidson, A.B., *Introductory Hebrew Grammar : Hebrew Syntax*
1	Farstad & Hodges, *The Greek NT according to the Majority Text*
1	Gesenius, *Hebraishes und Chaldaisches Handworterbuch*

[4] The general sense was that a variety of resources are used together - Bible software is used in conjunction with the original text and grammars. It also depends on how deep the minister has to dig. 4 ministers mentioned Logos, 1 minister mentioned Accordance, and one mentioned hardcopy.

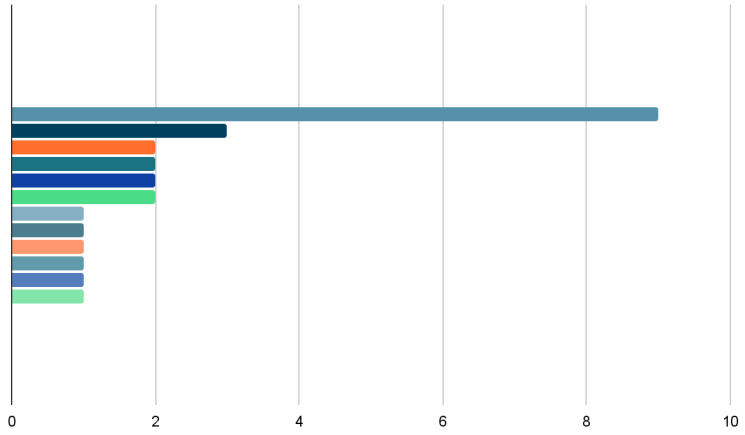
Dictionary / Lexicon / Grammar (OT / Hebrew)



5	Koehler, Baumgartner, Richardson & Stamm, *Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament* (HALOT)[5]
2	Archer, Harris & Waltke, *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (TWOT)
2	Biddle, Jenni; & Westermann, *Theological Lexicon of the Old Testament* (TLOT)[6]
2	The Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon (BDB)
2	Clines, David J. A., *Dictionary of Classical Hebrew* (DCH)
2	Holladay, William L., *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*
2	VanGemeren, Willem A., *New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis* (NIDOTTE)
2	What Logos offers[7]
1	Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament (TDOT)
1	Waltke & O'Connor, *Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Syntax*

[5] MinisterA - German - *Hebräisches und Aramäisches Lexikon*
[6] MinisterA - German - *Theologisches Handwörterbuch zum Alten Testament* (THAT)
[7] Package not mentioned

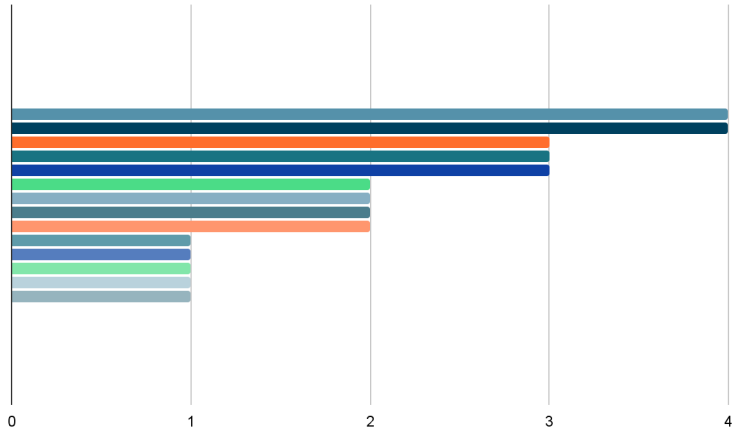
Dictionary / Lexicon / Grammar (NT / Greek)



9	Bauer, Danker, Arndt & Gingrich, *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* (BDAG)
3	Liddell & Scott, *A Greek-English Lexicon* (LSJ)
2	Louw & Nida, *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament: Based on Semantic Domains*
2	Silva, Moisés, *New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology and Exegesis* (NIDNTTE)
2	Wallace, Daniel B., *Beyond the Basics by Daniel Wallace* or *The Basics of New Testament Syntax: An Intermediate Greek Grammar* (abridged version)
2	What Logos offers[8]
1	Duffand, Jeremy, *The Elements of New Testament Greek*
1	Kittel & Friedrich, *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament* (TDNT)
1	Köstenberger & Yarbrough, *Exegetical Guide to the Greek New Testament* (EGGNT)
1	Köstenberger, Merkle & Plummer, *Going Deeper with New Testament Greek: An Intermediate Study of the Grammar and Syntax of the New Testament*
1	Muller & Thiel, *Wolters' woordenboek Grieks Nederlands* (Uitgeverij Wolters-Noordhoff)
1	Spicq & Ernest, *Theological Lexicon of the New Testament* (TLNT)

[8] Package not mentioned

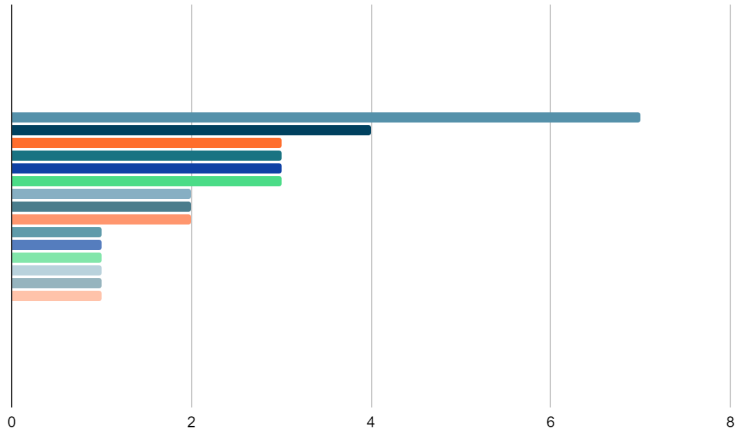
OT Commentary Series[9]



4	Calvin, John, *Commentaries*[10]
4	Keil & Delitzsch, *Commentary on the Old Testament* (K-D)
3	*Commentaar op het Oude Testament* (COT)
3	*Korte Verklaring der Heilige Schrift* / OT & NT
3	*New International Commentary on the Old Testament* (NICOT)
2	Davis, Dale Ralph, *Old Testament Collection* (incomplete)[11]
2	Duguid, Iain[12]
2	*Preaching the Word Commentary* Series (PtW)[13]
2	*Word Biblical Commentary* (WBC)[14]
1	*Reformed Expository Commentary* Series (REC)
1	*The New Bible Commentary* (NBC - 21st Century Edition)
1	*The New Treasury of Scripture Knowledge*
1	*Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries* Series (TOTC)
1	Wright, Christopher[15]

[9] One minister says that he does not have a go-to OT commentary, and two ministers said that they use various ones. Many use Dutch resources.
One minister says “I try to use one modern, one reformation, and one early church commentary.”
Another minister also says, “I often check this website before buying commentaries: https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/top-5-commentaries.”
[10] MinisterA - “Again and again I come back to Calvin's commentaries - his gospel focus is amazing”
[11] Any commentary by Dale Ralph Davis
[12] Any commentary by Iain Duguid
[13] One minister said: some from this series. Anything by Iain Duiguid. Excellent commentator.
[14] when reliable
[15] Any commentary by Christopher Wright

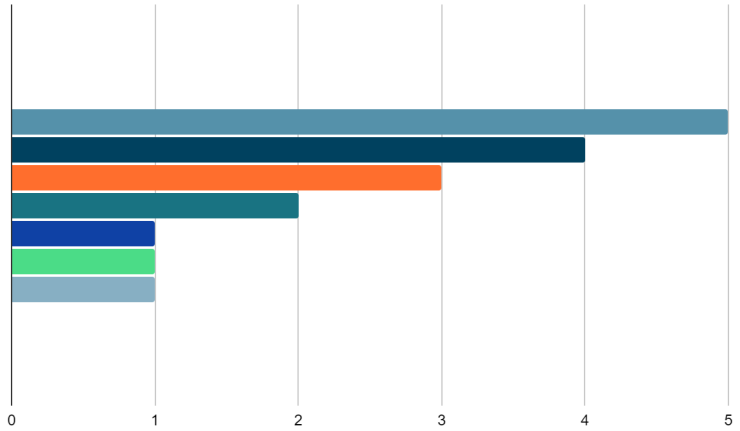
NT Commentary Series[16]



7	*Commentaar op het Nieuwe Testament* (CNT, 3rd series - ed. Jakob van Bruggen)[17]
4	Calvin, John, *Commentaries*[18]
3	Hendriksen & Kistemaker, *New Testament Commentary* (HK)
3	*Korte Verklaring der Heilige Schrift* / OT & NT
3	*New International Commentary on the New Testament* (NICNT)
3	*Reformed Expository Commentary* Series (REC)[19]
2	*Exegetical Summaries Series* (SILES)
2	*The New International Greek Testament Commentary Series* (NIGTC)
2	*Word Biblical Commentary* (WBC)[20]
1	Edersheim, Alfred, *The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah*
1	Banner of Truth, *Let's Study* Series
1	*Bottenberg Commentaar Nieuwe Testament*
1	*De prediking van het Nieuwe Testament* (PNT)
1	*Preaching the Word Commentary* Series (PtW)
1	*Tyndale New Testament Commentaries* (TNTC)

[16] Varies. various others. I try to use one modern, one reformation, and one early church commentary.
Use Bestcommentaries.com to pick commentaries on individual works. This is better than simply buying a whole series. Unless of course you really love the series.
[17] (Dutch, some volumes are in English)
[18] (Again and again I come back to Calvin's commentaries - his gospel focus is amazing)
[19] (for late in the sermon preparation process)
[20] when reliable

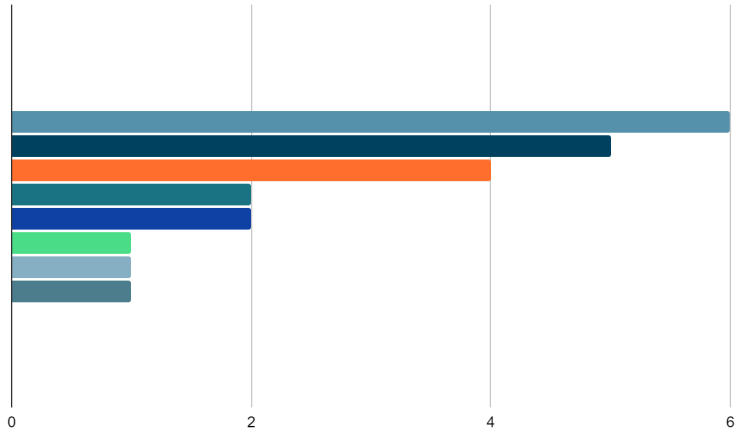
Introduction / Canonics[21] (divide into OT and NT?)



5	Carson, Moo & Morris, *An Introduction to the New Testament*[22]
4	Dillard & Longman, *An Introduction to the Old Testament: Second Edition*
3	Individual OT/NT Commentaries[23]
2	Köstenberger, Quarles & Kellum, Cradle, *The Cross, And The Crown, The: An Introduction to the New Testament*[24]
1	Harrison, R. K., *Introduction To The Old Testament*
1	Hendriksen, William, *Survey of the Bible*
1	Ryken, Wilhoit & Longman, *Dictionary of Biblical Imagery*[25]

[21] Depends what Bible book.
[22] as reference work
[23] 1: A good commentary will include this.
2: Commentaries that focus on particular books, and are not written as part of a series are the best.
[24] as reference work
[25] is a must have! I use this all the time.

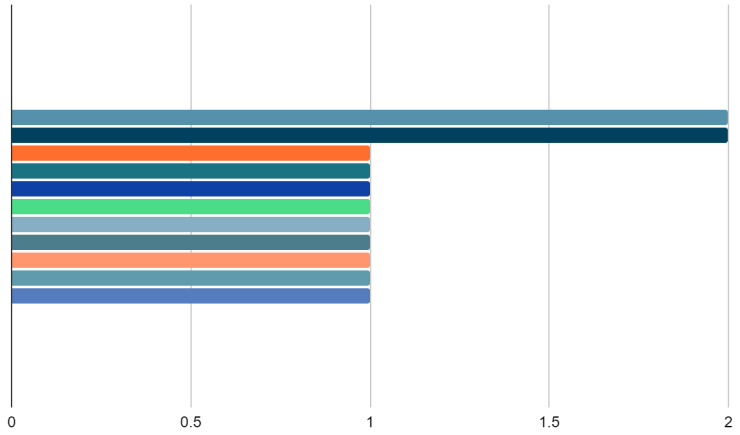
Systematic Theology



6	Bavinck, Herman, *Reformed Dogmatics*
5	Berkhof, Louis, *Systematic Theology*
4	Van Genderen & Velema, *Concise Reformed Dogmatics*[26]
2	Beeke & Smalley, *Reformed Systematic Theology*
2	Calvin, John, *The Institutes Of The Christian Religion*
1	Grudem, Wayne A., *Systematic Theology*
1	Horton, Michael, *The Christian Faith: A Systematic Theology for Pilgrims on the Way*
1	Owen, Jonathan[27]

[26] Three ministers use the original Dutch version - Beknopte Gereformeerde Dogmatiek, of whom one prefer it over the English version
[27] Some volumes by Jonathan Owen

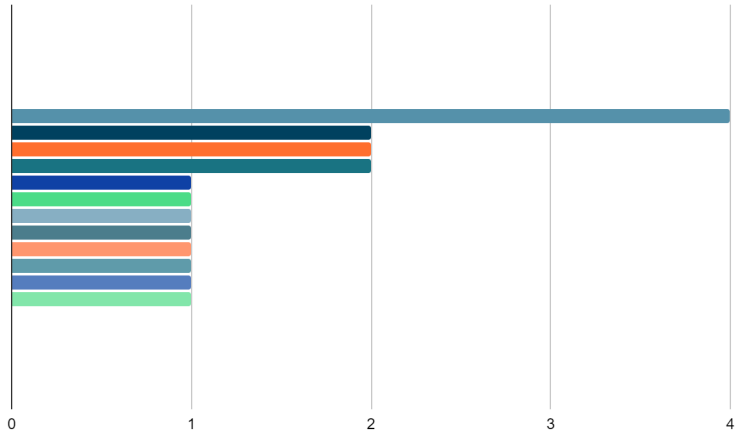
Biblical Theology



2	Essential Studies in Biblical Theology (ESBT)[28]
2	New Studies in Biblical Theology Series (NSBT)[29]
1	Arnold, Clinton E., *Powers of Darkness: Principalities Powers in Paul's Letters*
1	Crossway New Testament Theology Series
1	Crossway Short Studies in Biblical Theology
1	Goldsworthy, Graeme[30]
1	*International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*
1	Vos, Geerhardus, *Biblical Theology: Old & New Testaments*
1	Wright, Christopher J. H., *Old Testament Ethics for the People of God*
1	Wright, Christopher J. H., *Knowing God Through the Old Testament*
1	Wright, Nicholas Thomas[31]

[28] I have just bought a couple from Essentials Studies in Biblical Theology
[29] I have enjoyed some of the New Studies in Biblical Theology edited by Carson.
[30] Some books
[31] Many books

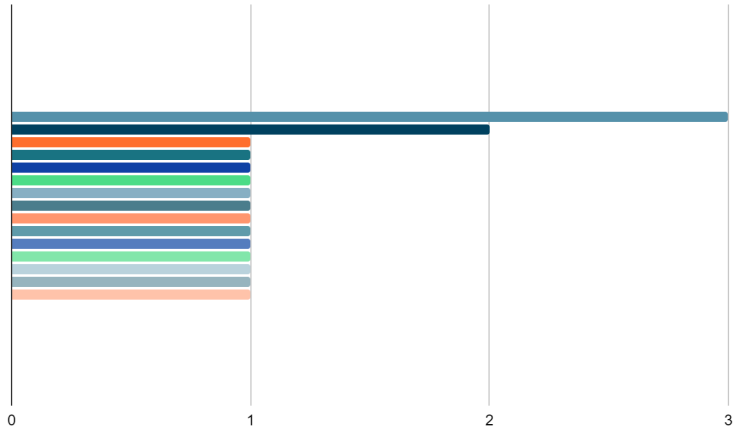
Preaching [32]



4	Chapell, Bryan, *Christ-Centered Preaching: Redeeming the Expository Sermon*
2	Lloyd-Jones, D. Martyn, *Preaching and Preachers*
2	Michelén, Sugel, *From and Before God: A Practical Introduction to Expository Preaching*
2	Trimp, Cornelis, *Klank en Weerklank*
1	Davis, Dale Ralph, *The Word Became Fresh: How to Preach from Old Testament Narrative Texts*
1	'De Reformatie' weekly meditations
1	Goldsworthy, Graeme, *Preaching the Whole Bible as Christian Scripture: The Application of Biblical Theology to Expository Preaching*
1	Johnson, Dennis E., *Him We Proclaim: Preaching Christ from All the Scriptures*
1	Stuart, Douglas, *Old Testament Exegesis, Fourth Edition: A Handbook for Students and Pastors*
1	Trimp, Cornelis, *Heilsgeschiedenis en prediking*
1	Trimp, Cornelis, *De preek: Een praktisch verhaal over het maken en houden van preken*
1	Wright, Christopher J. H., *Sweeter than Honey: Preaching the Old Testament*

[32] when I started my ministry I bought a lot of cheap junk, mainly exegetical. When I preached on particular Bible books I would read thorugh it and if it was not helpful, throw it away when I had completed my sermon series. In the process I picked up many wonderful ideas from books that were on my shelf for just a short period of time.

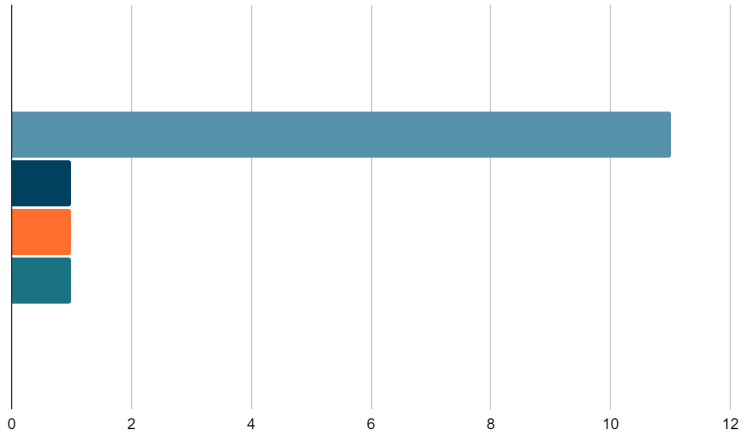
Liturgy / Worship / Selecting Psalms / Public Prayer[33]



3	Bredenhof, Wes, *Aiming to Please*[34]
2	Book of Praise for Logos / text only[35]
1	Anglican *Book of Common Prayer*
1	Bijbel Kerkboek Register
1	Carson, Donald Arthur, *Praying with Paul: A Call to Spiritual Reformation*
1	Chapell, Bryan, *Christ-Centered Worship: Letting the Gospel Shape Our Practice*
1	Deddens, K., *Where Everything Points to Him*
1	Galli & Bell, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Prayer*
1	Gibson & Earngey, *Reformation Worship: Liturgies from the Past for the Present*
1	GKSA Psalm app
1	Old, Hughes Oliphant, *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Worship*
1	Smith, John, *The Prayers of the Saints*
1	Van Delden, Anson[36]
1	VanDooren, G., *The Beauty of Reformed Liturgy*
1	Van Rongen, G., *Met al de heiligen*

[33] Memorising whole psalms as a personal/devotional practice is helpful, it makes choosing them for liturgy intuitive, and gives easy to access wording for public prayers.
MinisterB - “Various papers, lists, recommendations”
[34] Especially the appendices
[35] https://bop.dpdcart.com/product/126838
Might sound funny, but this is the only way to do a concordance search…
[36] Document put together by Anson Van Delden

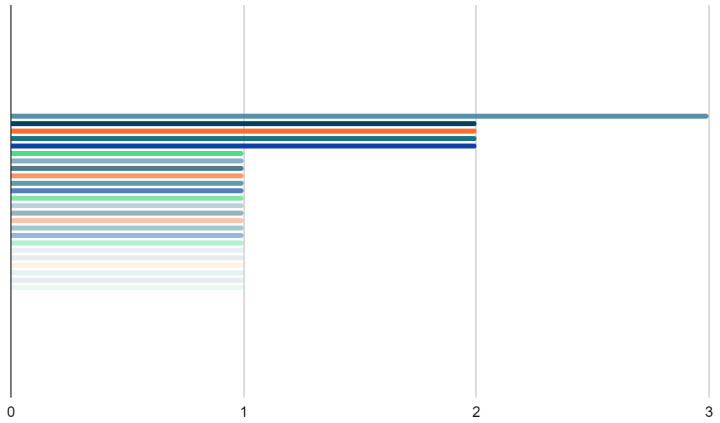
Bible Software



11	Logos Bible Software
1	Accordance
1	E-Sword
1	Don't have any

Teaching: What is your go-to resource for

Catechism Teaching / Preaching



3	Visscher, James, *I Belong: A Course of Study on the Heidelberg Catechism*
2	Klooster, Fred H., *Our Only Comfort: A Comprehensive Commentary on the Heidelberg Catechism*
2	Van Delden, Arthur, *Only by True Faith: An Introduction to the Heidelberg Catechism* (Two Volumes)
2	www.heidelberg-catechism.com
2	Various compilations of Catechism Sermons
	1 Sermons by R. Bremmer
	1 Sermons by B. Holwerda
	1 Sermons by Tunderman
1	Beeke & Smalley, *Reformed Systematic Theology*[37]
1	DeYoung, Kevin, *The Good News We Almost Forgot: Rediscovering the Gospel in a 16th Century Catechism*
1	Dijk, K., *De Catechismus preek in haar verscheidenheid*
1	*Het schatboek van Ursinus*[38]
1	Hoeksema, Herman, *The Triple Knowledge: An Exposition of the Heidelberg Catechism*
1	Hyde, Daniel R., *With Heart and Mouth: An Exposition of the Belgic Confession*[39]
1	Ik Geloof[40]
1	Koukl, Gregory, *Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions*
1	Kuyvenhoven, Andrew, *Comfort and Joy: A Study of the Heidelberg Catechism*
1	Schoeman, Jack, *The Believer's Only Comfort: A Study Guide for the Heidelberg Catechism*
1	The Bible
1	Ursinus, Zacharias, *Commentary on the Heidelberg Catechism*
1	Van Bruggen, Jakob, *Annotations to the Heidelberg Catechism*

[37] MinisterA - "The first 3 volumes are available (I have them) while the 4th volume is pending (coming soon). It's much, much better and much more useful as a source for preaching/teaching than L. Berkhof for instance, which is the handbook we used in Seminary (also more functional than Bavinck's Reformed Dogmatics (which I have in Dutch, 4 volumes)."
[38] https://theologienet.nl/theologie/serie-het-schatboek-van-ursinus/
[39] Belgic Confession
[40] My course is based on Ik Geloof but has been augmented over 25 years with all sorts of materials.

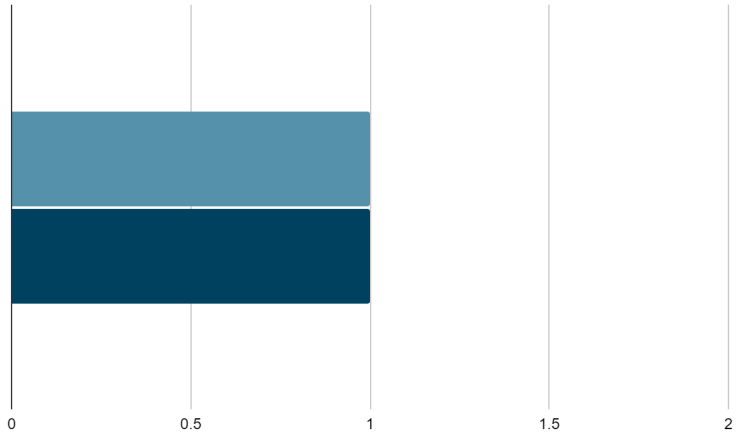
1	Van der Bank, J.H., *Kennen en Vertrouwen: Handreiking bij de prediking van de Heidelbergse Catehismus*
1	VanderGroe, Theodorus, *The Christian's Only Comfort in Life and Death: An Exposition of the Heidelberg Catechism*
1	Van Dyken, Donald, *With All My Heart: A Guide to the Profession of Faith*
1	Van 't Veer, M.B., *Onderwijzing in de Christelijke leer : Korte verklaring van de Heidelbergsche Catechismus ten gebruike voor het Catechetisch Onderwijs (Two Volumes)*[41]
1	Vonk, Cornelis, *Living and Dying in Joy: A Devotional Guide to the Heidelberg Catechism*
1	Worksheets with answer keys:[42] https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Qu2mM-Q2SzIQpFsGGHt76lef971LvFNi?usp=drive_link

[41] https://www.dbnl.org/tekst/veer022onde01_01/index.php
[42] Grade 9-10 worksheets are still being written, but should be complete in the next year or so

2	Wilkin, Jen[43]
1	Outlines from The Study
1	The Bible
1	DeYoung, Kevin, *The Good News We Almost Forgot: Rediscovering the Gospel in a 16th Century Catechism*
1	Sproul, R.C., *Renewing Your Mind*
	Sproul, R.C., *Grace Unknown: The Heart of Reformed Theology*
1	Klooster, Fred H., *Our Only Comfort* (Two Volume Set)
1	Guthrie, Nancy, *Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament* Series

[43] Bible studies by Jen Wilkin

Men's Bible Study

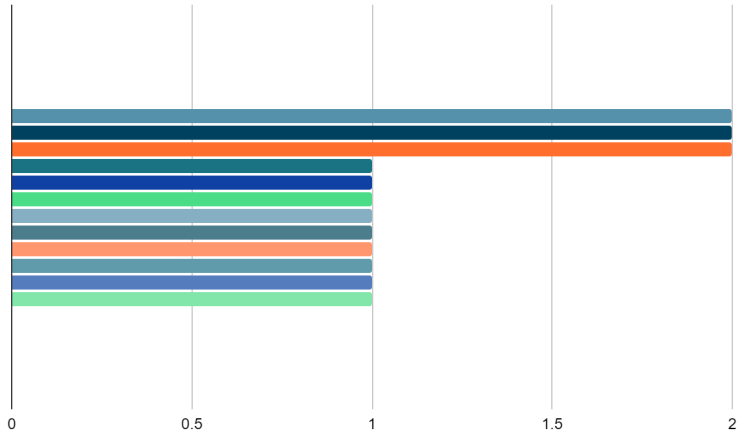


1 Reformed Expository Bible Studies

1 The Bible

1	Outlines from The Study
1	The Bible,
1	Ligonier Teaching series
1	Sproul, R. C., *Essential Truths of the Christian Faith*
1	Gibson, David, *Living Life Backward: How Ecclesiastes Teaches Us to Live in Light of the End*
1	Reformed Expository Bible Studies
1	*God's Word For You* series
1	Knowing the Bible Study Series
1	Banner of Truth, *Let's Study* series

New Believers / Intro to Christianity / Intro to Reformed Faith

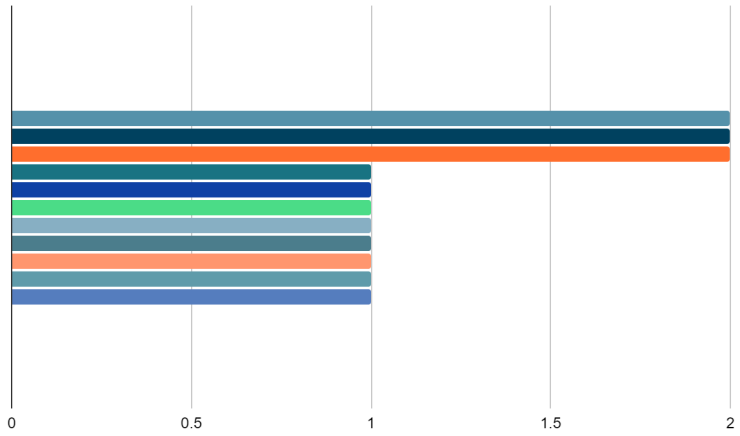


2	*A Gift From Heaven* Course by Reformed Evangelism Taskforce[44]
2	Christianity Explored Course
2	Hyde, Daniel R., Welcome to a Reformed Church
1	9marks books[45]
1	Bouwers, John, *Making the Good Confession*
1	Lewis, C.S., *Mere Christianity*
1	Matthias Media,
1	My own material - developed from different resources
1	The Heidelberg Catechism
1	Third Millennium[46]
1	Van Dyken, Donald, *With All My Heart: A Guide to the Profession of Faith*
1	Van Vliet, Jason, *Growing in the Gospel: Sound Doctrine for Daily Living*

[44] Online resource: https://www.reformedevangelismresources.org/emmaus
[45] for short introductions
[46] thirdmill.org

Godly Living / Counseling: Any good resources for

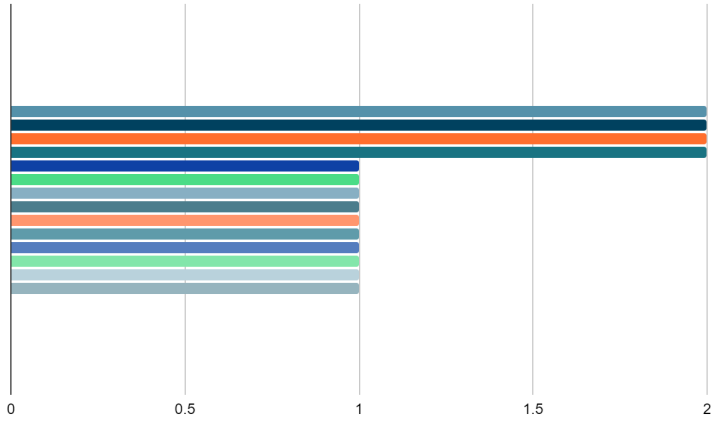
Godly Living in General / Christian Discipleship [47]



2	Douma, J, *The Ten Commandments: Manual for the Christian Life*
2	Hughes, R. Kent & Barbara, *Disciplines of a Godly Man/Woman*
2	Whitney, Donald S., *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*[48]
1	Any good christian biography
1	Calvin, John, *A Little Book on the Christian Life*[49]
1	Christenson, Larry, *The Christian Family*
1	Emlet, Michael R., *Saints, Sufferers, and Sinners: Loving Others as God Loves Us*[50]
1	Meijer, W., *Christ in the Family*
1	Stephen Ministries
1	Rice, Howard L., *Reformed Spirituality: An Introduction for Believers*
1	Warren, Tish Harrison, *Liturgy Of The Ordinary*

[47] Needs are so varied I tend to create mentoring situations.
[48] For counseling.
[49] excerpt from Institutes
[50] For counseling. Emlet's book is a great resource to help understand people with a biblical framework

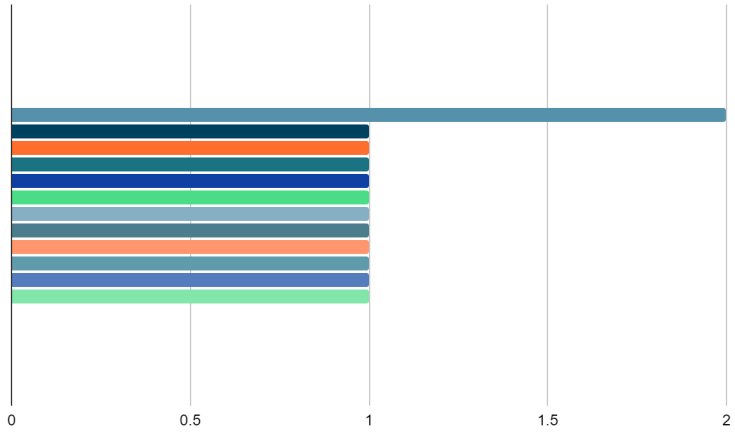
Devotional Reading



2	Begg, Alistair, *Truth For Life: 365 Daily Devotions*
2	Feenstra, Peter G., *Unseen Footprints*
2	Puritan classics
2	Nearer to God[51]
1	Bijbels Dagboek
1	Holtvlüwer, Peter H., *Christ's Psalms, Our Psalms*
1	Jones, Mark, *Knowing Christ*
1	Keddie, Gordon J., *Prayers of the Bible: 366 Devotionals to Encourage Your Prayer Life*[52]
1	à Kempis, Thomas
1	Ortlund, Dane, *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*
1	Pascal, Blaise
1	Spurgeon, Charles H., Treasury of David
1	Stam, Clarence, *En Route: A Daily Christian Devotional*
1	Tripp, Paul David, *New Morning Mercies: A Daily Gospel Devotional*

[51] https://reformedperspective.ca/tag/nearer-to-god-daily-devotional/
Or on the Reformed Perspective app
[52] I THINK IT IS THIS ONE> THE SUGGESTION SIMPLY SAID> Gordon Keddie on the Psalms

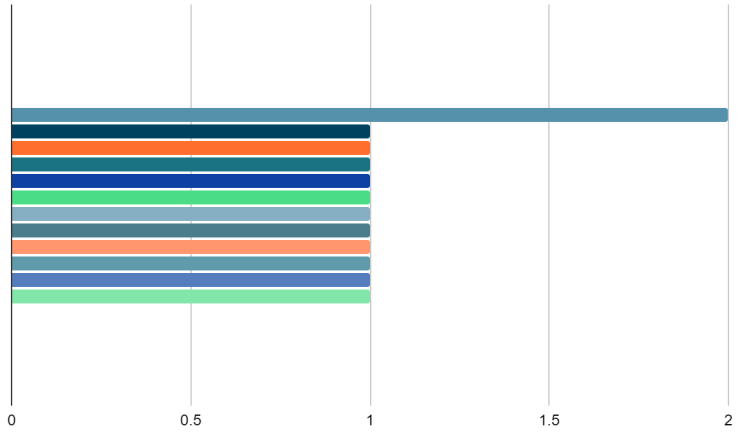
Fighting Addictions



2	Lambert, Heath, *Finally Free: Fighting for Purity with the Power of Grace*[53]
1	AA Material
1	Adams, Jay E., *Shepherding God's Flock: A Handbook on Pastoral Ministry, Counseling, and Leadership*
1	Collins, Gary, *Christian Counseling*
1	Crabb, Larry, *Inside Out*[54]
1	Cusick, Michael John, *Surfing for God: Discovering the Divine Desire Beneath Sexual Struggle*
1	Life Renewal Program[55]
1	Prayer, routine, and exercise.
1	Professional counselors[56]
1	Reinke, Tony, *12 Ways Your Phone Is Changing You*
1	Struthers, William M., *Wired for Intimacy: How Pornography Hijacks the Male Brain*
1	Welch, Edward T., *Addictions: A Banquet in the Grave: Finding Hope in the Power of the Gospel*

[53] for porn addiction
[54] I read through it together with struggling parishioners - we meet to discuss a couple of chapters at a time. I have read it countless times over the years
[55] offered by many of our churches
[56] Rather than work with resources I tend to seek out professional counsellors

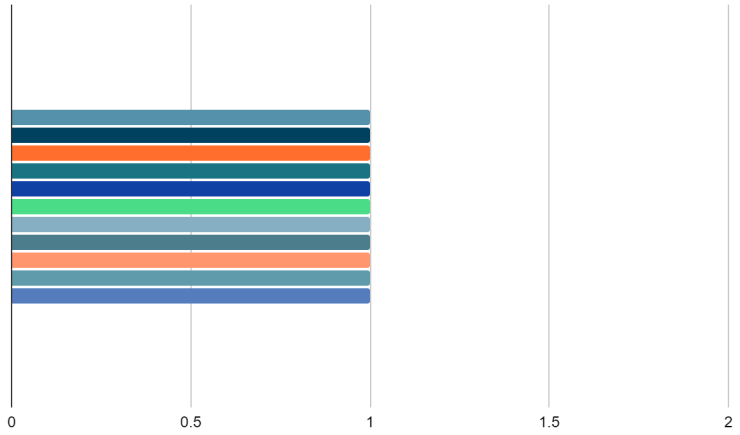
~~Surviving~~ Flourishing in the Ministry



2	Colleagues[57]
1	5 Things to Pray For series (The Good Book Company)
1	A healthy consistory
1	Bobgan, Martin & Deidre, *Competent to Minister: The Biblical Care of Souls*
1	Edwards, Ferguson, & Van Dixhoorn, *Theology for Ministry: How Doctrine Affects Pastoral Life and Practice*
1	Murray, David, *Reset: Living a Grace-Paced Life in a Burnout Culture*
1	Ortlund, Dane, *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*
1	Peterson, Eugene H., *The Pastor: A Memoir*
1	Prayer; routine and exercise
1	Sittema, John R., *With a Shepherd's Heart*
1	Verbree, Adrian, *Eclips: verslag van een burn-out*[58]
1	Witmer, Timothy Z., *The Shepherd Leader at Home: Knowing, Leading, Protecting, and Providing for Your Family*

[57] I don't find reading resources helpful. Best to have a coffee with a colleague or two. I appreciated "intervisie" (a type of collegial mentoring) I participated in in The Netherlands.
[58] (Dutch) - when it was published it sent a shockwave through the GKv ministers.

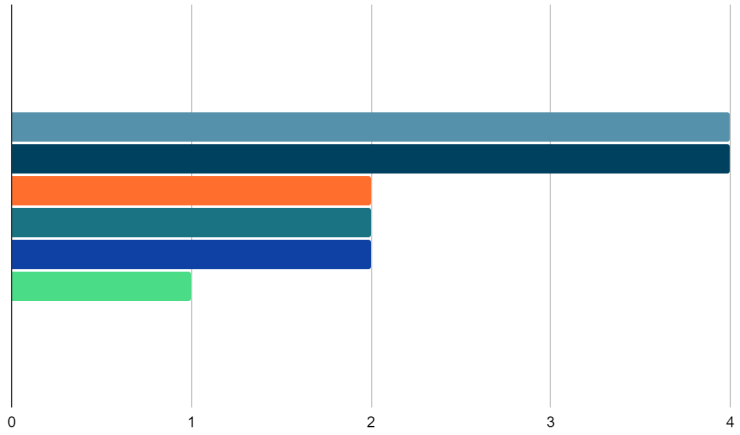
Spiritual Growth and Formation



1	Beeke & Smalley, *Reformed Systematic Theology*
1	Butterfield, Rosaria, *The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert: An English Professor's Journey into Christian Faith*
1	Calvin, John, On the Christian Life
1	Horton, Michael, *Ordinary: Sustainable Faith in a Radical, Restless World*
1	Mathis, David, *Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus through the Spiritual Disciplines*
1	Nouwen, Henri[59]
1	Peterson, Eugene[60]
1	Ryle, J. C., *Thoughts For Young Men*
1	Stewart, Al, *The Manual: Getting masculinity right*[61]
1	Wilberforce, William, *Real Christianity*
1	Whitney, Donald S., *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*

[59] Many books
[60] Many books
[61] Easy to read and covers a lot of ground - a good book for men to study together

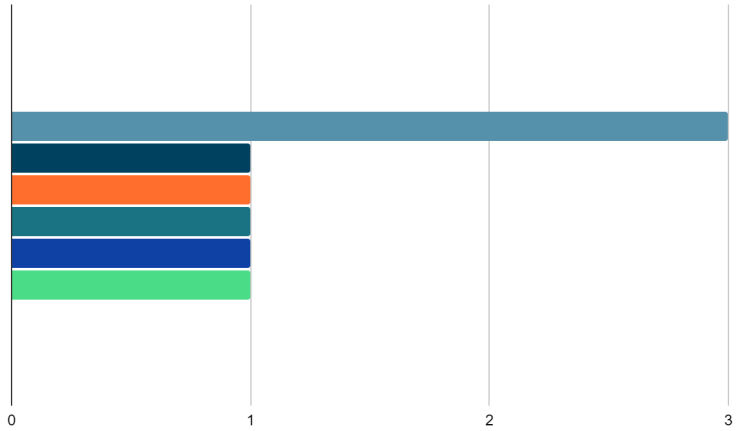
Premarital Counseling



4	Green, Rob, *Tying the Knot: A Premarital Guide to a Strong andLasting Marriage*[62]
4	Mack, Wayne A., *Preparing for Marriage God's Way: A Step-By-Step Guide for Marriage Success Before and After the Wedding*[63]
2	Alpha - The Marriage Preparation Course + Manual[64]
2	Henderson, John, *Catching Foxes: A Gospel-Guided Journey to Marriage*[65]
2	Mack, Wayne A., *Strengthening Your Marriage*
1	Wright & Roberts, *Before You Say "I Do": A Marriage Preparation Guide for Couples*

[62] MinisterA - 1 per couple
Green's book is simple and yet gets to the heart of the matter of marriage with Jesus in the centre - he is good at clearly pointing to the source of problems rather than just dealing with symptoms.
[63] MinisterA - 2 per couple
Mack's book is great to get them to know each other and allow them to deal with things that could cause problems in marriage before they come up.
[64] I've read many materials, still like the Alpha Course for ease of use and flexibility.
[65] MinisterA - *Tying the Knot* or *Catching Foxes* depending on the couple

Marriage Counseling [66]

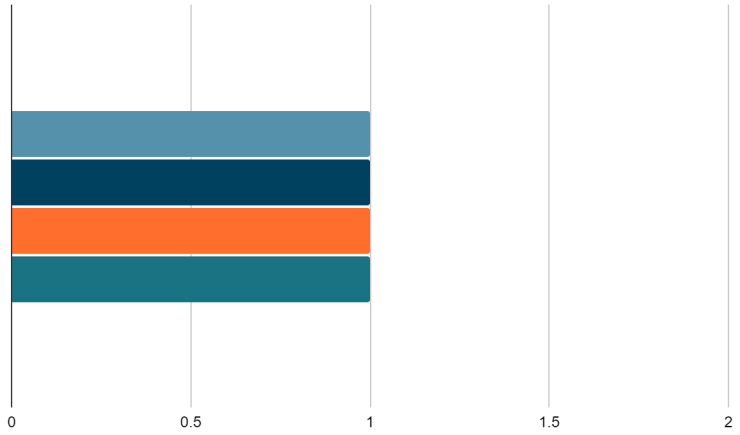


3	Mack, Wayne A., *Strengthening Your Marriage*
1	Crabb, Larry, *The Marriage Builder: Creating True Oneness to Transform Your Marriage*[67]
1	Green, Rob, *Tying the Knot: A Premarital Guide to a Strong andLasting Marriage*
1	Keller, Timothy & Kathy, *The Meaning of Marriage: Facing the Complexities of Commitment with the Wisdom of God*
1	Lerner, Harriet Goldhor, *The Dance of Intimacy: A Woman's Guide to Courageous Acts of Change in Key Relationships*
1	Thomas, Gary, *Devotions for a Sacred Marriage: A Year of Weekly Devotions for Couples*

[66] MinisterA - Depends on the situation. Right now I'm looking to trail using something from "Called to Peace" Ministries for office bearer training.

[67] This is good, especially when one partner in the marriage - usually the wife - is struggling. The book emphasizes the point that faithfulness in your marriage is not something you might owe your partner and thus necessitates a joint effort: instead it is something that every Christian owes to Christ.

Singleness



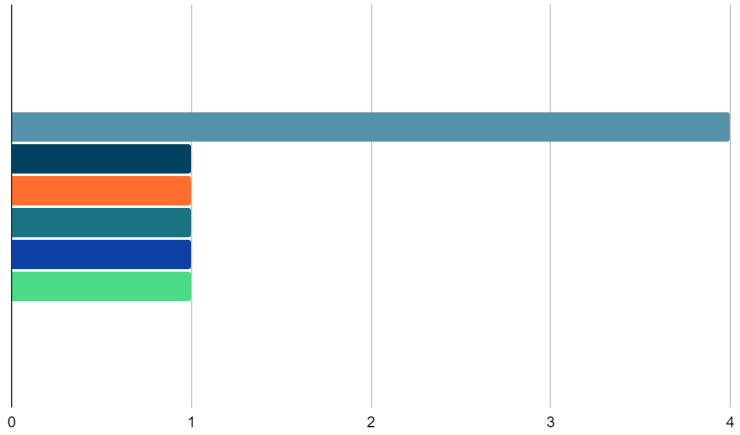
1 Allberry, Sam, *7 Myths about Singleness*

1 Blok, M.J.C., Je Staat Er Niet Alleen Voor

1 Oostdijk, Inge, *Je Mag Er Zijn*

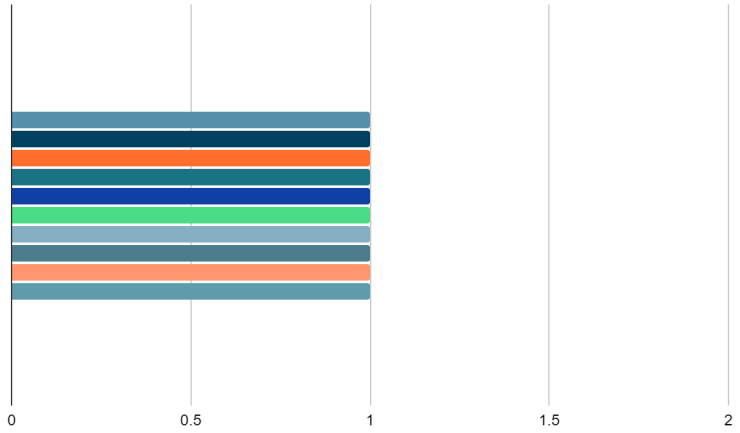
1 Segal, Marshall, *Not Yet Married: The Pursuit of Joy in Singleness and Dating*

Child Rearing



4	Tripp, Tedd, *Shepherding a Child's Heart*
1	Bavinck, Herman, *Het Christelijk huisgezin*
1	Earley, Justin Whitmel, *Habits of the Household: Practicing the Story of God in Everyday Family Rhythms*
1	Fennema, Jack, *Nurturing Children in the Lord*
1	Schoolland, Marion M., *Leading Little Ones to God: A Child's Book of Bible Teachings*
1	Tripp, Paul David, *Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family*

Family Worship



1	A good hymnal, a Bible, the Catechism, and prayer
1	Baucham, Voddie, *Family Driven Faith: Doing What It Takes to Raise Sons and Daughters Who Walk with God*[68]
1	Beeke, Joel R., *Family Worship Bible Guide*
1	Ferguson, Sinclair[69]
1	Machowski, Marty
1	Meade, Star[70]
1	New Living Translation[71]
1	The Family Discipleship Podcast (FDP)
1	Van Dam, Cornelis, *Worship Matters*
1	Vos, Catherine, *The Child's Story Bible*

[68] MinisterA - “with discernment”
[69] MinisterA - Sinclair Ferguson's books for teens (What Jesus Did; What Jesus Does, etc.)
[70] MinisterA - Star Meade's books are good for families with younger children
[71] MinisterA - for reading in family worship

Healthy Church: Any good resources for

Elders

6	Van Dam, Cornelis, *The Elder: Today's Ministry Rooted in All of Scripture*
2	Brown, Michael (ed.), *Called to Serve: Essays for Elders and Deacons*
1	Van der Leest, C., *Dienstvaardig*
1	Kruger, Michael J., *Bully Pulpit: Confronting the Problem of Spiritual Abuse in the Church*
1	Dickson, David, *The Elder and His Work*
1	Pierre & Wilson, *When Home Hurts: A Guide for Responding Wisely to Domestic Abuse in Your Church*
1	Feenstra, P. G., *The Glorious Work of Home Visits*
1	Elder's Handbook, I see there is one by Louis M Tamminga and one by Berghoef & DeKoster
1	Whitmer, Timothy, *The Shepherd Leader at Home*
1	Sittema, John R., *With a Shepherd's Heart*

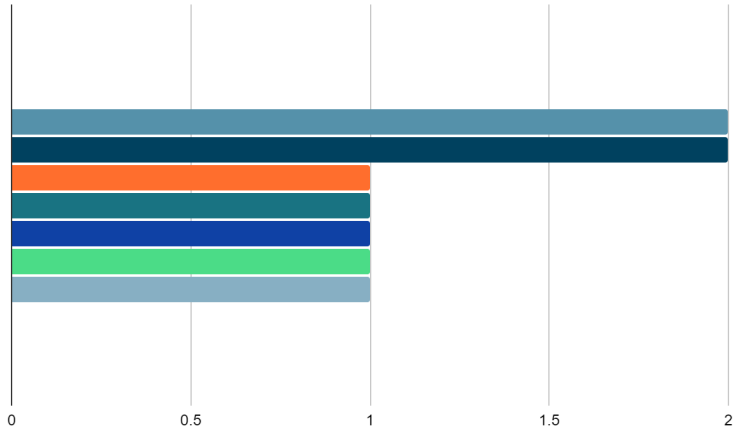
Deacons

5	Van Dam, Cornelis, *The Deacon: The Biblical Roots and the Ministry of Mercy Today*
2	Keller, Timothy J., *Ministries of Mercy: The Call of the Jericho Road*
2	Corbett & Fikkert, *When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor . . . and Yourself*
1	Corbett & Fikkert, *Helping Without Hurting in Church Benevolence: A Practical Guide to Walking with Low-Income People*
1	Berghoef & DeKoster, *The Deacons Handbook: A Manual of Stewardship* This one also just said “Deacon's Handbook” but there is not one by Tamminga, which leads me to believe that the elder one also refers to Berghoef & DeKoster
1	Huizinga, W., *Deacons Go Visiting: A Practical Guide for Church Deacons*

1	van Bochove, H. T., *Gemeente in veelvoud: De dialoog als kerkelijke omgangsvorm*
1	te Velde, M., Gemeenteopbouw
1	Rainer, Thom S., *Becoming a Welcoming Church*
2	Marshall & Payne, *The Trellis and the Vine: The Ministry Mind-shift that Changes Everything*
2	No book[72]
1	Miller, C. John, *Outgrowing the Ingrown Church*
1	Living Church.

[72] MinisterA - “You don't need a book for this: you need a healthy commitment to love God's people and preach the Gospel week after week”
MinisterB - “Good preaching”

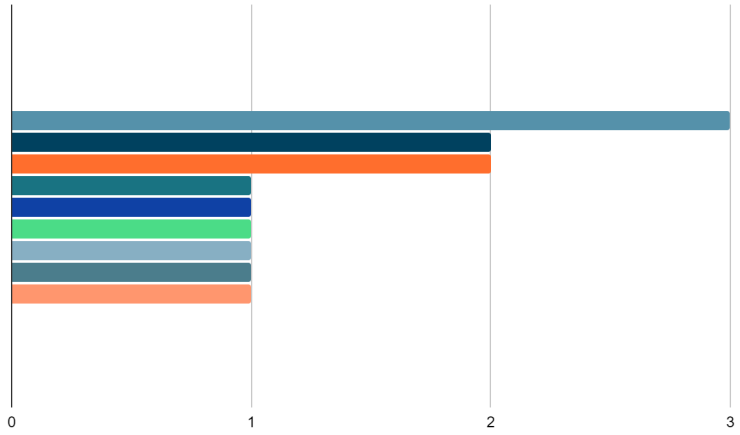
Church Leadership



2	Boekestein & Swets (ed.), *Fruitful and Faithful: Essays for Elders and Deacons*
2	Mohler, Albert, *The Conviction to Lead: 25 Principles for Leadership That Matters*
1	Brown, Michael (ed.), *Called to Serve: Essays for Elders and Deacons*
1	van der Leest, C., *Dienstvaardig*
1	Miller, C. John, *The Heart of a Servant Leader: Letters from Jack Miller*
1	officebearers.com[73]
1	Tripp, Paul David, *Lead: 12 Gospel Principles for Leadership in the Church*

[73] e.g. "Council Handbook" by D. Agema

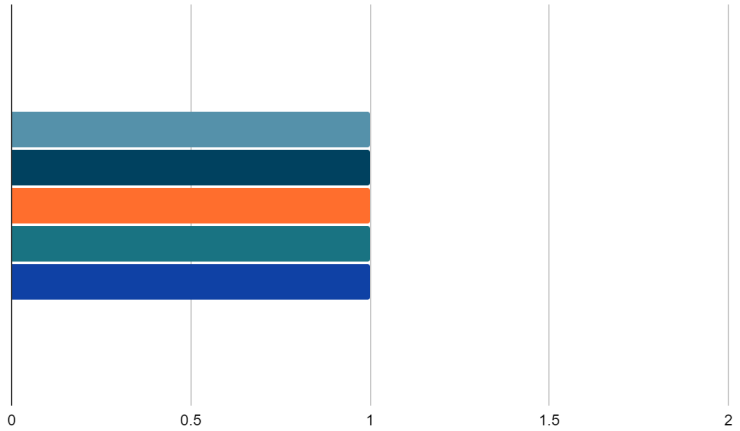
Home Mission / Church Planting



3	URC church planting manuals
2	Koukl, Gregory, *Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions*
2	OPC church planting manuals
1	DeJonge, Ryan[74]
1	Dickson, John, *The Best Kept Secret of Christian Mission: Promoting the Gospel with More Than Our Lips*
1	Keller, Timothy, *Center Church: Doing Balanced, Gospel-Centered Ministry in Your City*
1	Leonard, John S., *Get Real: Sharing Your Everyday Faith Every Day*
1	Hyde & Lems, *Planting, Watering, Growing: Planting Confessionally Reformed Churches in the 21st Century*
1	Pearcey, Nancy, *Finding Truth: 5 Principles for Unmasking Atheism, Secularism, and Other God Substitutes*

[74] articles on the Pauline Cycle

Foreign Mission

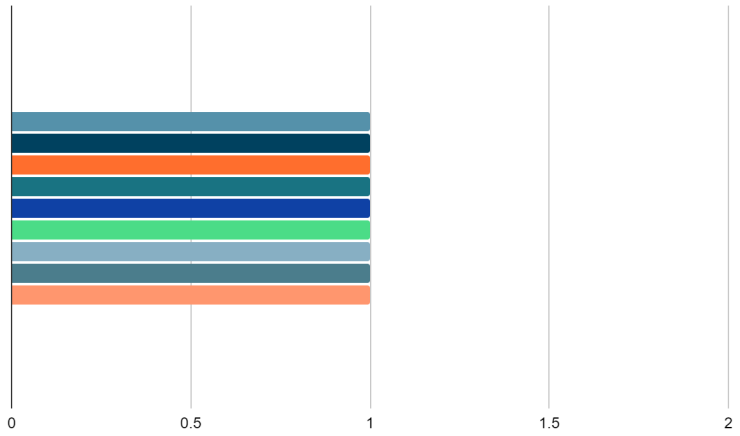


1	Bavinck, J. H., *An Introduction to the Science of Missions*
1	Corbett & Fikkert, *When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor . . . and Yourself*
1	DeJonge, Ryan[75]
1	Hesselgrave, David[76]
1	Lanier, Sarah A., *Foreign to Familiar: A Guide to Understanding Hot - And Cold - Climate Cultures*[77]

[75] Articles on the Pauline Cycle
[76] Anything by David Hesselgrave is worth reading
[77] Every minister needs to read "Foreign to Familiar" by Sarah A. Lanier

History: Any good resources

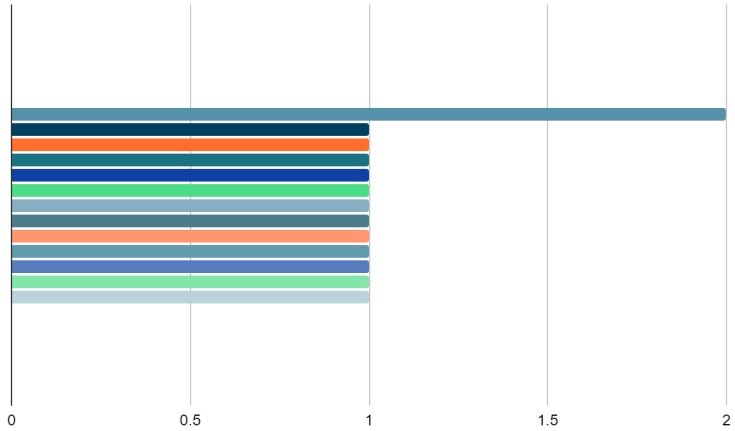
History in General



1	Barman, Jean, *The West Beyond the West: A History of British Columbia*[78]
1	Browning, Christopher R., *Ordinary Men: Reserve Police Battalion 101 and the Final Solution in Poland*
1	Bryson, Bill[79]
1	Fall of Civilizations Podcast
1	Holland, Tom, *Dominion: How the Christian Revolution Remade the World*
1	Mak, Geert, *In Europa*
1	Sasson, Jack M., *Civilizations of the Ancient Near East*
1	Siegal, Nina, *The Diary Keepers: World War II in the Netherlands, as Written by the People Who Lived Through It*
1	Sesam Wereldgeschiedenis

[78] For BC. It's important to know the history of the locale where God has you serve
[79] Bill Bryson books can be helpful for overview

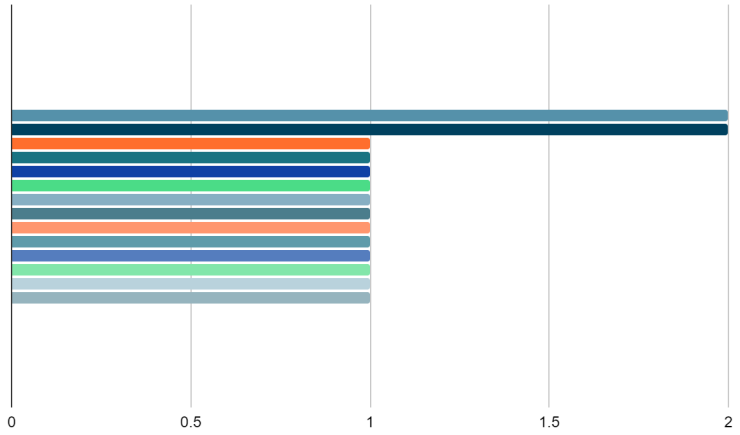
Church History



2	Praamsma, Louis, *De Kerk Van Alle Tijden*
1	Biographies
1	Carr, Simonetta, *Church History*
1	Church fathers
1	De Jong, Otto J., *Geschiedenis der kerk*
1	Godfrey, W. Robert, *A Survey of Church History*[80]
1	Lawson, Steven J., A Long Line of Godly Men
1	Meijer, W., *Young People's History of the Church*[81]
1	Moffett, Samuel Hugh, *A History of Christianity in Asia* (Two Volume Set)
1	Petry, Ray C., *The History of Christianity* (Two Volume Set)
1	Selderhuis, Herman, *Handbook of Dutch Church History*
1	Seminary textbooks
1	Wylie, J. A., The History of Protestantism (Two Volume Set)

[80] Ligonier video series: https://www.ligonier.org/learn/series/survey-of-church-history-parts-1-6
[81] Needs to be revised and updated

Biography

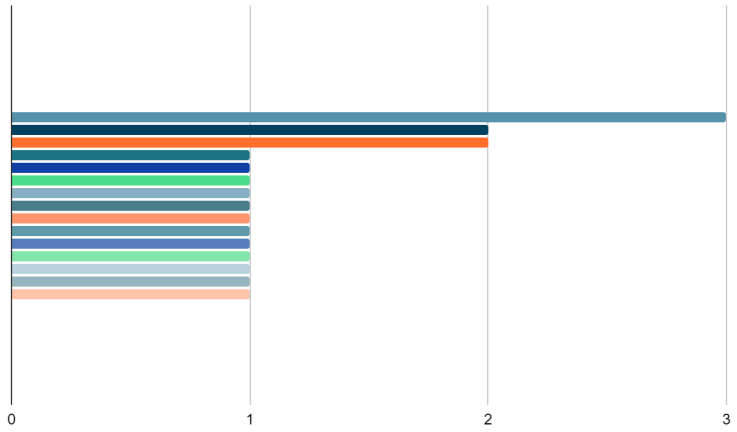


2	Eglinton, James, *Bavinck: A Critical Biography*
2	Piper, John, *21 Servants of Sovereign Joy: Faithful, Flawed, and Fruitful*
1	Augustine, *Confessions*
1	Carson, D. A., *Memoirs of an Ordinary Pastor: The Life and Reflections of Tom Carson*
1	Carter & Ivey, *Steal Away Home: Charles Spurgeon and Thomas Johnson, Unlikely Friends on the Passage to Freedom*
1	Collier, Winn, *A Burning in My Bones: The Authorized Biography of Eugene H. Peterson, Translator of The Message*
1	Dallimore, Arnold A., *The Life of George Whitefield* (Two Volume Set)[82]
1	Daniell, David, *William Tyndale: A Biography*
1	Dee, J.J.C., *K. Schilder. Zijn leven en werk*
1	Graham, Billy, *Just as I Am: The Autobiography of Billy Graham*
1	Hamilton, Duncan, *For the Glory: The Untold and Inspiring Story of Eric Liddell, Hero of Chariots of Fire*
1	McGrath, Alister E., A Life of John Calvin: A Study in the Shaping of Western Culture
1	Selderhuis, Herman J., *John Calvin: A Pilgrim's Life*
1	Te Velde, M., *Anthony brummelkamp 1811-1888*

[82] MinisterA - “Hands down”

Leisure: What book/audiobook/tv shows do you enjoy

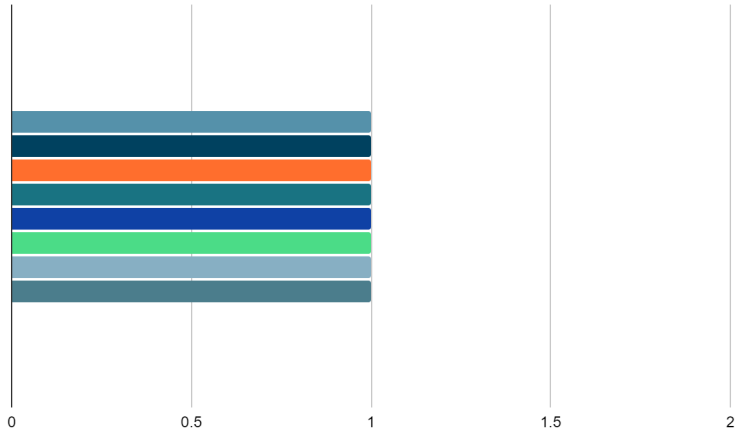
For Yourself



3	Sanderson, Brandon (novels)[83]
2	Christie, Agatha, *Murder on the Orient Express: A Hercule Poirot Mystery*[84]
2	The Mandalorian TV series[85]
1	Classics
1	Certain YouTube channels[86]
1	Dostoevsky, Fyodor, *The Brothers Karamazov*
1	Gardner, Erle Stanley
1	Mackie, Tim (and the Bible Project)
1	Military history books
1	Reformation history
1	Robinson, Marilynne, *Gilead*[87]
1	Rutherford, Edward[88]
1	Stowe, Harriet Beecher, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
1	Tolkien, J. R. R., *Lord of the Rings*
1	Watching hockey

[83] The *Mistborn* and *Stormlight Archive* series has specifically been mentioned
[84] One minister Agatha Christie without suggesting a specific book. Another minister suggested this specific book
[85] MinsterA - “and other Star Wars”
[86] I find myself drawn to certain YouTube channels, and it changes over the years. 4WD-ing, outdoors stuff, gardening, fishing
[87] and her other books
[88] Edward Rutherford, Paris, New York, London, The Forest; Ireland, etc.

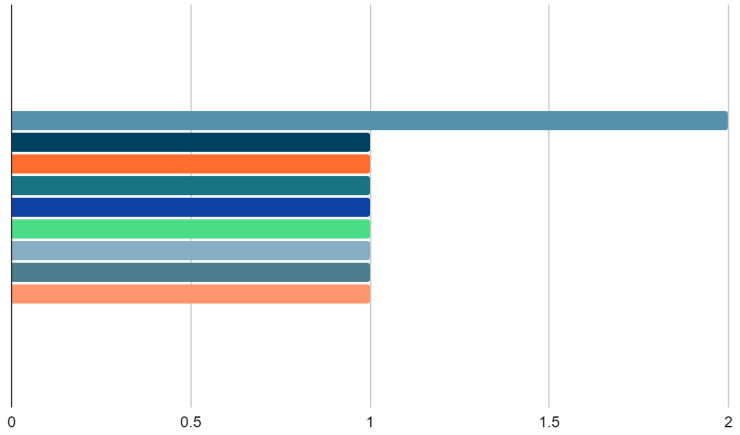
For Small Children (0-5)



1	Gannett, Amy (board books)
1	Giglio, Louie, *How Great Is Our God: 100 Indescribable Devotions about God and Science*[89]
1	Machowski, Marty, *The Ology: Ancient Truths, Ever New*
1	Peep and the big wide world[90]
1	Schoolland, Marion M., *Leading Little Ones to God: A Child's Book of Bible Teachings*
1	The Torchlighters Biography Series
1	Van de Hulst, Willem Gerrit
1	Wedgeworth, Abbie (board books)

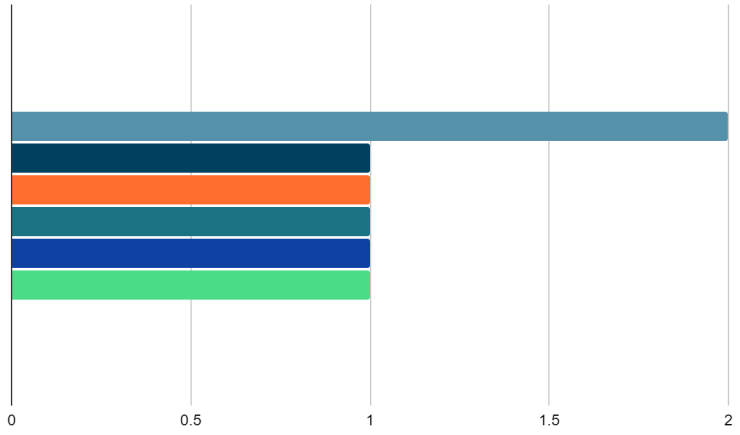
[89] And more
[90] https://www.peepandthebigwideworld.com/en/ and on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/@PeepWGBH/playlists

For Young Children (6-12)



2	Lewis, C. S., The Chronicles of Narnia
1	Bond, Michael, *Paddington*
1	Buckeridge, Anthony, *Jennings*
1	Keys for Kids devotionals
1	Michael, Sally (book series)
1	Prins, Piet
1	The Torchlighters Biography Series
1	Van de Hulst, Willem Gerrit
1	Van Halteren, Tyler, *Little Pilgrim's Big Journey: John Bunyans Pilgrim's Progress Fully Illustrated and Adapted for the Next Generation*

For Teens (13-19)

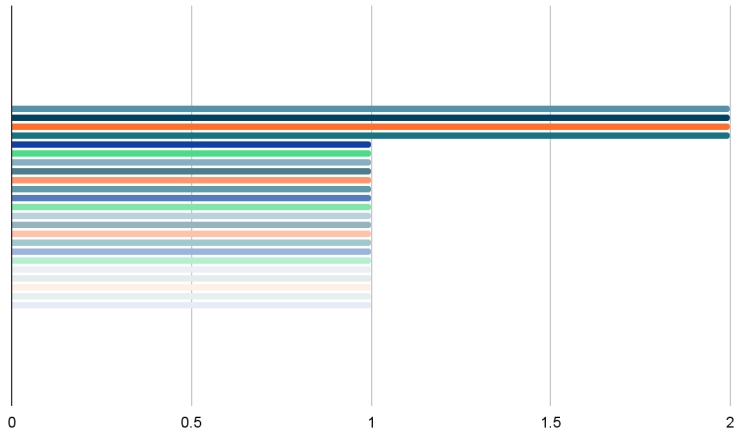


2	Tolkien, J. R. R., *Lord of the Rings*
1	Dude Perfect[91]
1	Meesters, Wolf, The Bible Narrated for Young Adults
1	Star Wars
1	Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye (TV Series 2002–2005)
1	Tolkien, J. R. R., *The Hobbit*

[91] https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRijo3ddMTht_IHyNSNXpNQ

Leisure: Music enjoy or suggest

For Yourself [92]



2	CityAlight
2	Dutch Choirs[93]
2	The Gray Havens
2	The Psalms Project[94]
1	80s pop and rock
1	All of Bach website[95]
1	Baroque
1	Michael Card
1	Country music[96]
1	Josh Garrels
1	Keith and Kristyn Getty
1	K-pop[97]
1	Jonathan Kingma
1	Jazz[98]
1	Handel, *Messiah*[99]
1	Andrew Peterson
1	Rachmaninoff
1	Schlage
1	Sertanejo
1	Silence[100]

[92] Depends on if I am smoking a pipe, or getting ready for church, or just hanging out, or on my way to visit
[93] “Dutch Mannenkoor”
[94] Netherlands
[95] Performances and interviews to help you understand the beauty of the music.
[96] Real country music like Ian Tyson and Corb Lund
[97] some
[98] especially Paul Desmond and Oscar Peterson
[99] I listen to it five times a week - not necessarily from start to finish; different editions; I always listen to it on Sunday mornings as I prepare for the worship service
[100] I prefer silence these days. I used to be into religious organ, classic piano, also country and Gospel

1	Sons of Korah
1	Symphonies
1	T4G conference singing recordings

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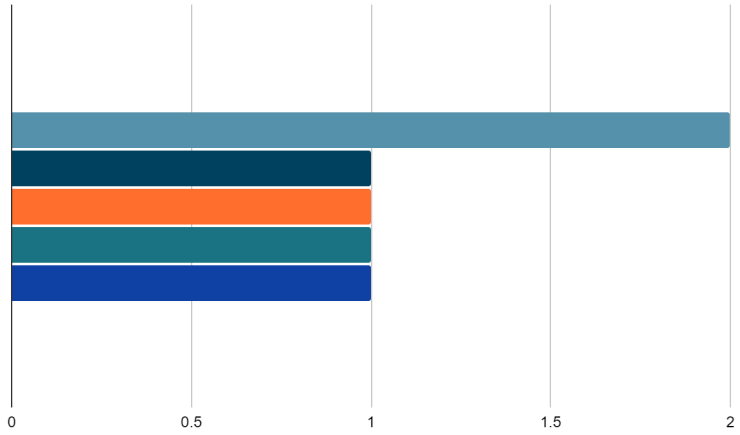

2	Steve Green, *Hide 'Em In Your Heart: Bible Memory Melodies*
1	Classical Kids CDs
1	Getty Kids Hymnal
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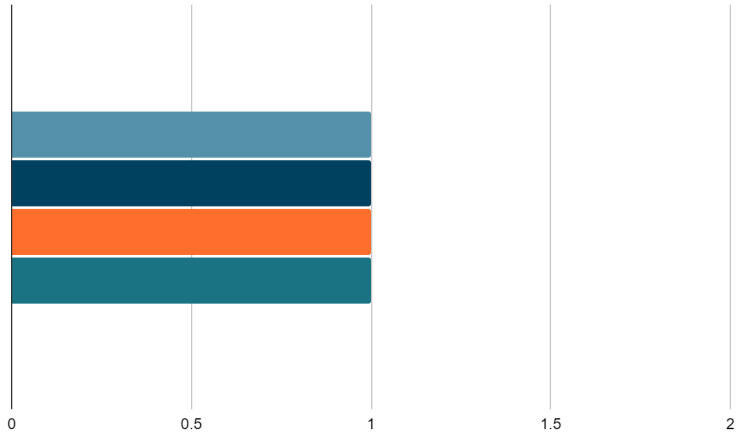

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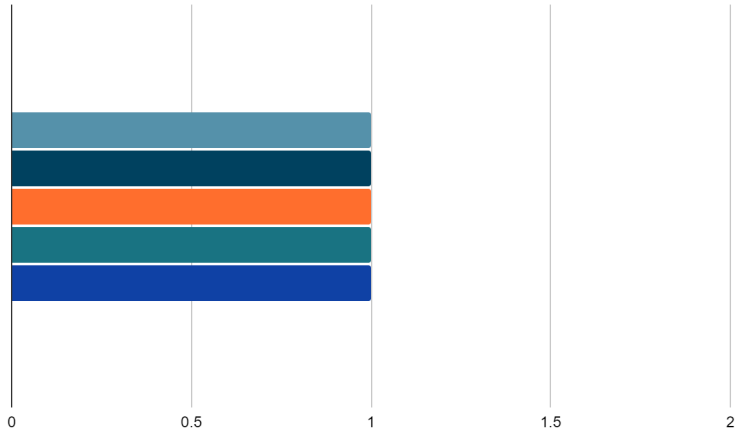

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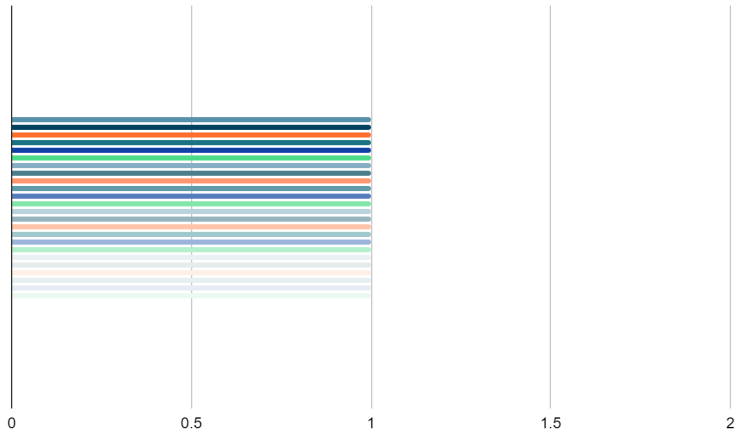
1	Getty's
1	Handel, *Messiah*
1	The Gray Havens
1	Zach Williams

General

Any Book / Resource that Shaped Your Life



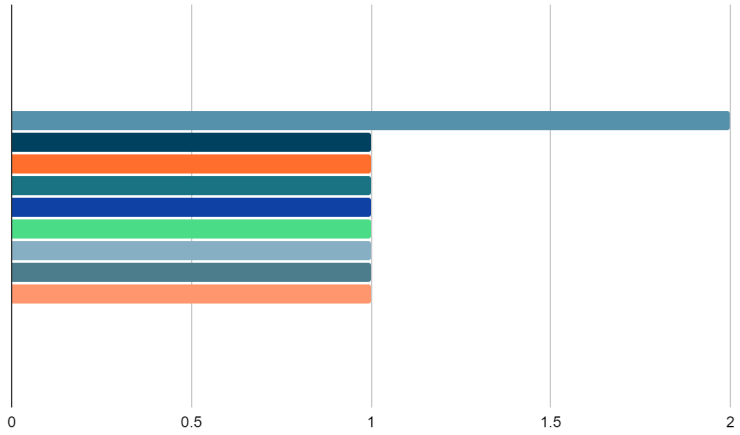
1	Bailey, Kennith (on the Parables)
1	Behold Your God: Rethinking God Biblically[101]
1	Bloom, Allan, *Closing of the American Mind: How Higher Education Has Failed Democracy and Impoverished the Souls of Today's Students*
1	Bruner, Frederick Dale, *Matthew: A Commentary*[102]
1	Calvin, John, *The Institutes Of The Christian Religion*
1	Conversations That Matter podcast
1	Crabb, Larry, Inside Out[103]
1	Coyle, Daniel, *The Culture Code: The Secrets of Highly Successful Groups*
1	Coyle, Daniel, *The Talent Code: Greatness Isn't Born. It's Grown. Here's How*
1	Keller, Tim[104]
1	Ortlund, Dane, *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*
1	Pirsig, Robert M., *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance: An Inquiry Into Values*
1	REAL Talk podcast
1	Ryle, J. C., Holiness
1	Scott & Lambert (Ed.), *Counseling the Hard Cases: True Stories Illustrating the Sufficiency of God's Resources in Scripture*[105]
1	Seminary years[106]
1	Schilder, Klaas, *De Kerk*
1	Schilder, Klaas, *Christ and Culture*
1	Schilder, Klaas, *Schriftoverdenkingen*
1	Sproul, R. C., *The Holiness of God*

[101] Bible study video series by Media Gratiae
[102] DF Bruner on Matthew and Kennith Bailey on the Parables were instrumental in all and every aspect of my preaching!
[103] Unlike many evangelical self-help books, this one focusses on our brokenness, and our dependence on the God, the Gospel, and - ultimately - the renewal of all things to 'fix our problem'
[104] Many Tim Keller books
[105] And excellent resource on counseling
[106] What comes most to mind is actually the 4 years I spent in Seminary.

1	The WeeFlea blog
1	Van Til, Cornelius, *The Defense of the Faith*
1	Ward, Mark, *Biblical Worldview: Creation, Fall, Redemption*[107]
1	Wohlleben, Peter, *The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate—Discoveries from A Secret World*

[107] Worldview book produced by Bob Jones University - Baptist theology, but giving necessary qualifications, a useful book.

Book you Wished your Sheep Wouldn't be Shaped by



2	Douglas Wilson[108]
1	Anderson, Neil T., *The Bondage Breaker: Overcoming Negative Thoughts, Irrational Feelings, Habitual Sins*[109]
1	Anti-Doug Wilson material
1	John Mark Comer[110]
1	Brian Houston[111]
1	Joyce Meyer[112]
1	Ortlund, Dane, *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*[113]
1	Joel Osteen[114]
1	Young, Sarah, Jesus Calling[115]

[108] MinsterA - Anything
MinisterB - some books
[109] When in seminary I reviewed it in Clarion upon the request of T. Vanderven, then principal of the Teachers' College. He called it a most dangerous book, and it is.
[110] Anything
[111] Anything
[112] Anything
[113] not because it's incorrect but it's incomplete and thus imbalanced.
[114] Anything
[115] and all the spin-offs

Practical wisdom you have learned in your ministry. As much as you like

MinisterA

- Have a clear schedule of your day and week and stick to it.
- Start your sermon preparations early in the week and stick with it (even while driving to your visits): meditate on it and make it your own so that you're gripped by the passage yourself first.
- Enjoy the delivery of the sermons.
- Pray for every day, meeting, visit, class, counseling session, etc.
- Be honest with your elders regarding your challenges, stress levels, difficult visits, and limitations.
- Keep a regular schedule for the special and pastoral visits; people count on you when you are scheduled to visit.
- Seek feedback from your elders regarding the sermons, but also about your congregational prayers and song selections in the services.
- Find someone in the congregation with whom you can reflect on your sermons, receive musings, and feedback about the "landing" of your sermons.
- If at all possible, teach as many of the Catechism classes yourself; it's your line of acquaintance, interaction, bonding, with the youth of the church.
- Be approachable for anyone in the congregation.

MinisterB

- Keep a sense of humour,
- love God,
- be intentional about praying a lot and keep persisting in prayer,
- keep learning and growing in God's Word personally,
- keep feeding on the treasures of Christ;
- pray regularly for your people, it will lead to naturally loving them;
- being hospitable is a great way to connect with your people, break down barriers, and to be among them as a nursing mother and share also your own lives with your people,

MinisterC

- Don't only read theological books - read broadly.

MinisterD

- As to advice, I can only repeat what my father once said to me: “If you want to please everybody, sell ice cream.”

MinisterE

- I was taught at college to do my own exegetical work before I consult other resources. I believe that advice is important, and I could say more about that :-). But the preacher also has to have something worthwhile to say, and I think it's presumptuous to believe that by spending a week on exegesis and research I can always come with something worthwhile to say for myself. Instead the minister ought to do a few things:
    - 1 - start his sermons early in the week, and keep the thoughts 'bubbling' in the background while he visits etc;
    - 2: follow the news and read journals always with the categories of the catechism in mind - and index everything in terms of the catechism;

    - 3. read old sermons - meditations etc like 'Preach the Word' and - basically - plunder such resources for good ideas.
- While I was at college I built a database of resources that has grown to about 18000 entries on the Bible and a couple of thousand on the catechism, BCF and Canons. I index everything that comes on my shelf which gives me access to it. My sermons are all built on good ideas that I have plundered from others.

MinisterF

- Be organized.
- Listen.
- Seek counsel of others.
- Have opinions but always be prepared to weigh other arguments.
- Understand the impact of culture on people: ethnicity, regional, family.[116]

MinisterG

- Read a new book on preaching every year!
    - Greidanus, Sola Scriptura, The Modern Preacher and the Ancient Text, Preaching Christ from the OT. Preaching Christ from Genesis, Preaching Christ from the Psalms; Chappell, Christ-Centered Preaching; Mawhinney, Preaching with Freshness; Lewis &Lewis, Inductive Preaching; Robinson, Biblical Preaching; Stott, Between Two Worlds; Osborne, The Hermeneutical Spiral; Trimp, Klank en Weerklank; Koller, Expository Preaching Without Notes and Sermons Preached Without Notes; Meidema, The Moving Message; Larsen, The Anatomy of Preaching; Mid-America Journal vol 10 Preaching; Long, Teaching Preaching; Johnson, The Glory of Preaching; Mohler, He is Not Silent; Goldsworthy, Preaching the Whole Bible;

MinisterH

- Be humble,
- always be willing to learn,
- don't think you know it better than the congregation,
- focus on preaching and teaching God's Word only.

[116] When ministring to a large Sudanese group, I read "African Friends and Money Matters". That was an eyeopener.